

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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Service

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OFFER TO BUY: Canned and Frozen Fruit and Vegetables

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase canned and frozen fruit and vegetables for donation to the Child Nutrition Program according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required during the period of August 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

FY-2005

PRODUCT	CONTAINER SIZE	U.S. GRADE	NO. CASES
Canned Mixed Fruit	6/#10	B	261,744
Canned Pears, Diced	6/#10	B	222,528
Canned Pears, Halves	6/#10	B	103,056
Canned Pears, Sliced	6/#10	B	183,312
Tomato Paste, Drums	55-gallon	A	3,960
Canned Salsa	6/#10	Per C.I.D.	111,264
Canned Spaghetti Sauce	6/#10	Per C.I.D.	189,448
Tomato Paste, Bulk	Totes	A	336
Canned Tomato Paste	6/#10	A	41,952
Canned Tomato Sauce	6/#10	A	74,784
Canned Tomatoes, Diced	6/#10	B	62,016
Canned Tomatoes	6/#10	B	18,240
Frozen Corn Cob	96 ears	A	79,200
Frozen Corn	30-lb.	B	204,600
Canned Corn, Liquid	6/#10	B	271,776
Dried Cherries	4/4lb. bags	Per C.I.D.	7,392
Frozen Cherries	30-lb.	B	12,800
Cherries, IQF	40-lb.	B	4,800
Canned Cherries, Red	6/#10	B	13,680
Canned Sweet Potatoes, Cuts	6/#10	A	36,480
Canned Sweet Potatoes, Mashed	6/#10	A	9,120
Frozen Sweet Potatoes, Mashed	30-lb.	A	10,560

FY-2006

PRODUCT	CONTAINER	U.S.	NO.
	SIZE	GRADE	CASES
Canned Mixed Fruit	6/#10	B	296,400
Canned Pears, Diced	6/#10	B	186,048
Canned Pears, Halves	6/#10	B	62,016
Canned Pears, Sliced	6/#10	B	141,360
Tomato Paste, Drums	55-gallon	A	360
Canned Salsa	6/#10	Per C.I.D.	104,360
Canned Spaghetti Sauce	6/#10	Per C.I.D.	162,792
Tomato Paste, Bulk	Totes	A	182
Canned Tomato Paste	6/#10	A	21,888
Canned Tomato Sauce	6/#10	A	29,184
Canned Tomatoes, Diced	6/#10	B	62,928
Canned Tomatoes	6/#10	B	2,736
Frozen Corn Cob	96 ears	A	84,480
Frozen Corn	30-lb.	B	195,360
Canned Corn, Liquid	6/#10	B	265,392
Dried Cherries	4/4lb. bags	Per C.I.D.	5,544
Frozen Cherries	30-lb.	B	8,960
Cherries, IQF	40-lb.	B	4,800
Canned Cherries, Red	6/#10	B	912

Note: Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for **FY 2006**. The Government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the part of the

Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid. **All bids must be submitted using the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES). Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.**

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 2546 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: www.ams.usda.gov/cp.